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Police making CASE in bars



John Pare, deputy chief of administration of the London police, talks Wednesday at police headquarters about local participation in a provincial program to crack down on Liquor Licence Act violations, such as serving minors and overcrowding. Police will launch an enforcement effort as Fanshawe and Western students return to campus. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Gearing up for fall semester. London force will take part in weeklong provincial campaign to enforce liquor-liscence regulations



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Cracking down

260

London police have laid 260 charges since starting weekly inspections of licensed establishments in 2011.

ments and promoting community safety," Pare said on Wednesday. "Part of that is educating many of the bar owners and staff in relation to their responsibilities about the sale and service of alcohol."

The action comes as part of a provincial Community Alcohol Safety and Enforcement (CASE) program aimed at enforcing the Liquor Licence Act.

During a one-week campaign starting next Thursday, uniformed officers will be in bars making sure everything's on the up and up. They'll be focusing on violations such as overcrowding, serving minors and after-hours service, deputy chief of administration John Pare said.

"Ensuring licensed establishments operate in a legal and safe manner is critical to creating safe environ-

ments and promoting community safety," Pare said on Wednesday. "Part of that is educating many of the bar owners and staff in relation to their responsibilities about the sale and service of alcohol."

The crackdown in bars coincides with the return of Project L.E.A.R.N., a London police initiative designed to prevent rowdy parties and disorderly behaviour as students return to the city.

Those efforts are focused largely on areas frequented by students, such as Richmond Row, and in the neighbourhoods where they live.

While increased enforcement at bars is a provincial push, London police have been doing inspections at local businesses almost weekly since January 2011, Pare said. A second week-long CASE campaign is expected this spring.

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Coming soon to a wall near you: The world

London artist Jeremy Jeresky, 35, works Wednesday on a mural that's taking shape on the Cross Cultural Learner Centre's façade at 505 Dundas St. The mural — a large dot-matrix-style world map — is one of many Jeresky is doing for the centre as it freshens up the interior and exterior of its building.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Former teacher charged with sexual assault

A former teacher in Burlington, Ont., has been charged with sexually assaulting a youth.

Police allege a woman sexually assaulted a youth in incidents that occurred over a

five-year span starting in 2005.

Police have not released details on the woman's relationship with the youth, or the alleged victim's age.

They say she was employed by the Halton District School

Board until this June.

Carol Shepherd, 48, faces one charge each of sexual assault and sexual exploitation.

She is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 3.

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Legislating contracts not needed: Union rep

Teachers. Collective bargaining may be slow go, but it's working, union leader says



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The government's march toward imposing contracts on teachers is creating nothing less than a "crisis," one local union rep said.

"We think that legislation is completely unnecessary," said Colleen Canon, president of the local Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

There's been no talk of a strike, teachers are preparing their classrooms for the start of the school year and bargaining is continuing at the local level, said Canon, whose union represents more than 2,000 Thames Valley district teachers and some support staff.

"We understand that the government has fiscal targets that they want to meet, and we've suggested all along that we're willing to be part of the conversation," she said. Members "have offered to take a wage freeze and have offered other really good ideas for how (the government) may meet their fiscal target."

Details

The cash-strapped Liberals plan to introduce a bill next week aimed at imposing a deal on tens of thousands of teachers that would rein in wages and cut benefits. The government would also be able to ban a strike or lockout for the next two school years.

Phillip Mack, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Thames Valley Teacher Local, did not respond to a request for comment. Joyce Bennett, chair of the Thames Valley District School Board, was unavailable.

The chances of reaching an agreement at the local level before existing contracts expire Aug. 31 are next to nil — pending legislation or not, Canon said.

"If it were feasible to make that happen before the end of next week I think we'd make that happen, but you can't bargain in haste," she said, noting that it's fairly routine for contract talks to extend past the beginning of a school year.

"Quite often, there's not a signed agreement in place until well into the school year," she said. "Legislation seems awfully heavy-handed."



Tim Hudak. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mobile news



Chad Kroeger and Avril Lavigne aren't the only celeb couple who got engaged this year. Scan the code to see Hollywood's other headline-grabbing pairings.

Outstanding educator

Ivey prof wins award

Paul Beamish of the Ivey Business School has won the Academy of Management's International Management Outstanding Educator Award.

Beamish was nominated by seven of his peers from business schools around the world for his continuous excellence and innovation in international management education. METRO

Eclectic repertoire

Cantorion Choir seeking singers

Cantorion community choir is looking for new members. The 30- to 40-person mixed choir performs in a variety of musical styles, is inclusive and no auditions are required.

For more information, call Don Barclay at 519-432-0483, visit cantorionchoir.ca, or email cantorionchoir@gmail.com. METRO

Input

Public invited to comment on water plan

The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan for the Thames-Sydenham and Region. The plan addresses activities that could threaten municipal drinking water.

To see the plan, visit sourcewaterprotection.on.ca. METRO

Huron County

Teen seriously injured in farming accident

A 16-year-old was in a London hospital with serious injuries following a farming mishap in Huron County.

OPP say the teen had been cutting weeds in a tractor a kilometre from the roadway when the vehicle fell 20 feet into a ravine, pinning him under the tractor AM980/AM980.CA

Diamond Jubilee

QE II medals handed out

London North Centre MPP Deb Matthews and London West MPP Chris Bentley will present Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals at a ceremony Thursday recognizing 28 people from the London area.

The ceremony will be held at the Grand Hall of Windermere Manor (200 Collip Circle). METRO

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Site chosen for east London rec centre

Talks began in 2009.

Wavell Street picked for multimillion-dollar facility anchored by an indoor pool



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The aging outdoor pool and arts centre at East Lions Park will be replaced with a \$17-million recreation facility in 2018, city officials announced Wednesday.

It will be a welcome — and much-needed — addition to the city's east end, said Barbara Allen, president of Artisans London, which is based at the park's arts centre.

"If there's anybody over there that understands the need for the facility being in that area, we do," she said. "We know what those children need. We see it all the time."

"They really and truly need that. They need a facility there."

City councillors gave their blessing to the plan earlier this month during a closed-door discussion stemming from talks that started in 2009.

It was then that community members first identified

Where it is

- East Lions Park is between Wavell Street, Winnipeg Boulevard, Churchill Avenue and Edmonton Street.
- The new recreation centre is expected to take up about one-third of the park, leaving plenty of room for outdoor amenities like the existing sports fields, city officials say.



The city has selected this east London park as the site of a new recreation and community centre. The facility will be anchored around an indoor pool, replacing the more than 50-year-old outdoor pool shown in the background above.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

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"We know what those children need. We see it all the time.... They need a facility there."

Barbara Allen, president of Artisans London

the need for two new facilities in east London as part of a parks and recreation master plan review.

Since then, city officials have been developing the idea, settling on East Lions as a good fit for one of the developments after a lengthy process that included talking with residents about what they wanted.

A site for the second facil-

ity — which will be south of the Thames River — should be announced by year's end, parks and recreation director Bill Coxhead said.

The East Lions centre will be anchored by an indoor pool, while an arena will be the focal point of the other facility.

Both will include multipurpose rooms for community use and a gym.

The city's plan includes finding a new home for Artisans London, Coxhead said.

East Lions Park was a logical choice for multiple reasons, he said.

"The city owns it already, it already has facilities on it that need (to be) replaced and it's on a main drag," Coxhead said, naming a few perks.

The project's cost has been built into the city's 10-year capital plan. Public consultation will resume in 2016 when design work begins, Coxhead said.

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Knights hold public scrimmages next week

Next week, you can get your first look at the 2012-13 edition of the London Knights.

The Knights open their training camp on Tuesday when 75 players arrive to register. Camp will run for three days with two full days of scrimmages open to the public at the John Labatt Centre on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 30.

Here's a look at the scrimmage schedule (Gate 4 entry both days):

Wednesday

- 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Team Green vs. Team Black
- 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.: Team Gold vs. Team White
- 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Team Green vs. Team Gold
- 2:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.: Team Black vs. Team White

Thursday, Aug. 30

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The Knights open the OHL pre-season on Friday, Aug. 31, when they host the Sarnia Sting at 7:30 p.m. at the JLC. For ticket information, call 519-681-0800, ext. 1 or visit londonknights.com.

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Tampa. Hurricane could strike site of Republican convention: Forecasts

Tropical Storm Isaac is posing a potential threat to next week's Republican National Convention in Florida, which culminates in the nomination of Mitt Romney for president.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center on Wednesday morning said Isaac was expected to strengthen and could become a hurricane by Thursday.

Convention organizers knew it was a possibility during the peak of hurricane season. About 70,000 delegates, party officials, journalists, protesters and others are expected to attend.

It's been 90 years since a major hurricane made a direct hit on Tampa, the site of the convention. Florida, historically the nation's top target for tropical systems, has not been hit by a major hurricane since Wilma in 2005.

National Hurricane Center computer models had predicted Isaac would become a hurricane over the next few days, meaning maximum winds must be at least 120 km/h. Some models had the storm striking Florida, including the Tampa Bay area, after moving across Cuba or the Ba-

Just in case

- Republican and state officials have backup plans in place if the storm makes its way to Tampa, including an evacuation in a worst-case scenario.
- A four-day mock hurricane drill was held in May featuring a pretend major storm striking the Tampa area during the second day of the convention. Under that scenario, planners cancelled.

hamas as early as Sunday morning.

Jeff Masters, director of meteorology at Weatherunderground.com, said long-range storm track predictions five days in advance are notoriously inaccurate, often off an average of 418 kilometres. But Masters said the climate situation has improved chances that Florida could be in the system's sights during the Republican event that runs Monday through Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Obama, Romney deadlocked in new poll

U.S. President Barack Obama closes his umbrella as he boards Air Force One before his departure from Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas on Wednesday. A new AP-GfK poll shows Obama and Mitt Romney locked in a statistical tie, despite the Republican challenger's recent choice of conservative Rep. Paul Ryan as his running mate. With less than three months remaining before the Nov. 6 election, 47 per cent of registered voters said they planned to back Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden, while 46 per cent favoured Romney and Ryan. That's not much changed from a June AP-GfK survey, when the split was 47 per cent for the president to 44 per cent for Romney. **DAVID BECKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Facebook

Probation given for online threats against Obama

A Florida man has been sentenced to three years' probation for posting threats against U.S. President Barack Obama on Facebook in February. U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke ruled Wednesday that Joaquin Serrapio, 21, had acted wrongly but there was no evidence he intended to carry out the threats.

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Rape controversy

Ryan urged Akin to drop out of race

The U.S. congressman under fire for making comments about "legitimate rape" and pregnancy said Wednesday that Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney's running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, personally pleaded with him to leave a crucial Missouri Senate race, but the advice went nowhere. Rep. Todd Akin insisted he's in the race to stay, saying "this is not about my ego."

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Harper's haven? Vast new national park mixes tranquillity and trade

A vast tract of mountainous Northwest Territories terrain was christened Wednesday as a new national park — with a twist.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper billed it as striking a balance between protecting the environment and growing Canada's economy.

The original Naats'ihch'oh reserve proposal was to protect 7,600 square kilometres from commercial activity.

But the final decision instead sets aside just over 4,300 square kilometres of lakes and rainbow-hued mountains about 90 minutes south of Norman Wells.

The remaining territory

Quoted

"It's a spectacular place for a new national park."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper,
as he toured the Naats'ihch'oh reserve

has potential for mineral development, which is why it was left out of the final plan.

"One of our objectives is to make sure we protect our environment and also allow for economic opportunity here," said Harper, who unveiled plans for the park as part of his annual late-summer sojourn through Canada's North.

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Stephen Harper and wife Laureen tour the park. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

21 drivers charged

Rubbernecks on the 401 get a cellphone shock

Ontario Provincial Police have charged 21 drivers for rubbernecking on Highway 401.

Officers attending a collision involving two tractor-trailers in Napanee, Ont., noticed numerous drivers using their hand-held

devices to take photos of the wreckage as they drove past.

The drivers caught were charged with distracted driving, which carries a \$155 fine.

Another driver spotted using his elbows to steer his car was charged with careless driving, police said.

The OPP says a driver sending a text while driving at highway speed travels the length of a football field without looking at the road.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Love shines for Layton — but politics peek in

One year later. Peace Tower crowd told Jack's message would be: Roll up those sleeves ... start making a difference

Love and politics do mix, it was clear Wednesday.

There was an unapologetically partisan bite to the message of love, hope and optimism as Jack Layton was remembered on Parliament Hill.

A year after his death, the former NDP leader's political causes were front and centre as a small crowd gathered under the shadow of the Peace Tower.

They had come to honour the man who led the party to an electoral breakthrough.

"I miss him dearly, but he would be telling us all right now to roll up those sleeves, get to work and get moving with making a difference," NDP MP Paul Dewar told the Layton admirers.

Dewar then listed some NDP priorities — starting with restoring full health-care coverage to refugee claimants.

"It's a shame that the Conservatives have cut it," Dewar said.

Did the raw politics taint the occasion?

Not according to Dewar.

"The way to commemorate Jack is to get on with the work," said the Ottawa MP.

Still, the message of love was strong.

A young woman held a simple orange sign emblazoned with the word "Love," while the Dominion carillonneur played John Lennon's song Imagine in the Peace Tower.



Jack Layton is remembered in chalk on a memorial wall in Toronto on Wednesday. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Today is about love.... That is the message."

Louis Lefebvre, 23,
a self-described homeless person at the Peace Tower celebration.

A small Layton photo was placed next to orange flowers and a bottle of Orange Crush — the nickname given the NDP's electoral sweep in Quebec in May 2011.

Meanwhile, love shone brightly as events were staged across Canada to mark Layton's death from cancer last August at age 61. Picnics and pub nights were being held from Smithers, B.C., to Charlottetown.

But by far the largest of those events was held in Toronto, where Layton served as a high-profile city councillor before moving to federal

politics in 2003.

By Wednesday afternoon, admirers had honoured Layton's memory with colourful tributes scrawled in chalk outside Toronto's city hall — a more restrained version of the mural that plastered the grounds after his death last summer.

Kenn Bell carefully printed the words "The future is bright" in vivid orange and white block letters, using the New Democrats' trademark colours.

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StatsCan: Retail sales down in June, against experts' expectations

Retail sales in Canada fell in June, widely missing expectations of a small gain as increasingly cautious shoppers pulled back on a number of fronts and overnight trips to the U.S. hit a record high as higher duty-free exemptions kicked in.

Statistics Canada reported Wednesday that seasonally adjusted retail sales declined 0.4 per cent to \$38.7 billion in June from the month earlier, more than offsetting a gain in May and frustrating economists who had expected a 0.1 per cent increase.

The biggest declines were felt by retailers who sell general merchandise, gasoline,

Stateside shopping

1.9M

Canadians made a record 1.9 million overnight trips to the U.S. in June

building materials and garden equipment.

"The surprise drop in June sales was broad-based, suggesting households are becoming a little more cautious, though cross-border shopping may have played a role as well," BMO Capital Markets senior economist Benjamin Reitzes said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Loonie not biggest problem facing exports, Carney says



Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, left, and CAW president Ken Lewenza shake hands at the CAW convention in Toronto on Wednesday.

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Manufacturing.

Strong dollar explains only about 20 per cent of our poor export performance, Bank of Canada chief tells CAW

Don't look to the loonie as the biggest problem facing Canadian exports, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said Wednesday in his first-ever public address to organized labour.

The central banker's speech to a gathering of the Canadian Auto Workers' union was not

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"The high-paying manufacturing jobs of the future will be in companies ... that are fully engaged in the global economy."

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney

only Carney's maiden public address to a labour group, but also the first time any Bank of Canada governor has made such an overture.

Carney addressed a persistent complaint of those who put the blame for weak exports squarely on the shoulders of the strong Canadian dollar. The manufacturing sector and auto industry have been particularly hard hit in recent years.

He noted Canada's export performance was the second-worst in the G20 over the last decade, with only nine per cent of exports going to fast-growing emerging markets such as China and India.

The structure of the Canadian economy, "unfortunately, is too north-south, not enough east-west in a global sense," Carney said during a media conference after his speech.

While CAW president Ken Lewenza conceded that the dollar isn't the only factor affecting auto manufacturing, he maintained that the loonie is more significant than Carney suggested. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Apple's \$2.5B patent suit against Samsung goes to jurors



Apple headquarters in Cupertino, California. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nine Silicon Valley residents who presided over the epic three-week patent trial between smartphone titans Apple and Samsung Electronics began deliberating the multibillion-dollar case Wednesday.

Apple is demanding Samsung pay \$2.5 billion US for allegedly stealing the design technology of the iPad and iPhone to create illegal knock-offs. Samsung counters that

Apple stole its technology and is demanding \$399 million.

During closing arguments Tuesday, a lawyer for Apple said that Samsung was having a "crisis of design" after the launch of the iPhone, and executives with the South Korean company were determined to illegally cash in on the success of the revolutionary device.

Samsung's lawyer said that the technology giant was sim-

ply and legally giving consumers what they want: Smart phones with big screens. Lawyers finished their closing arguments late Tuesday.

The competing claims came after last-minute talks between chief executives failed to resolve the dispute.

The jury of nine people will consider the case after hearing three weeks of testimony from technology experts, patent pro-

fessionals and company executives.

Apple's damage demands, if awarded, would represent the largest patent verdict in the U.S.

The U.S. trial is just the latest skirmish between the two over product designs. The two companies have been fighting in courts in Australia, Britain and Germany.

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Can't you spare a hit or two for a guy down on his luck, NHL?

As I write, labour talks are ongoing. So maybe by the time you read this both sides will have already had an action-movie style "Not partners — friends!" handshake and will soon be enjoying Coca-Cola atop a hillside in perfect harmony. Somehow I doubt it.

NHL fan hardship

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None of the players are using their sticks and jock straps to build makeshift bindles, and if the owners were to start living out of their vehicles they'd still be in nicer digs than my apartment. Catriona Le May Doan will not be walking among emaciated negotiators, asking us to donate. ("Some of them are so weak they haven't thrown a punch in months.")

Of course it's about the money.

What's worse, when my drug is back I will accept it without condition as soon as it's offered, like any true addict. The NHL's marketing campaign after the lost season could be "Welcome back, sucker!" and I'd say, "Awesome!"

And I won't even be able to give the NHL the middle finger, because my giant novelty hands don't bend that way.



I couldn't imagine living life without giant novelty hands.

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Can't you spare a hit or two for a guy down on his luck, NHL?

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It looks like the league is heading toward its third lockout in two decades, which will leave me in withdrawal — sad, shivering and holding my head in my oversized novelty hands.

The league can be a cold-hearted partner even when it's running smoothly. Your favourite team can let you down year after year, while teams in the Deep South win despite holding what appear to be Empty Seat Nights.

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For flippin' sakes! It's weigh-in time



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Animal well-being

Animals weighed at annual check

It's time to find out which critter has been gorging.

Keepers at a London, U.K., zoo get out the scales for the annual animal weigh-in this week. Every one of the 16,000 or so animals, across 750 species, including penguins, meerkats, lions and owls, are put on the scales and measured, "to assess their health and behaviour," a spokesperson at the zoo says. METRO

Weigh-in weighed up

- Worldwide database.** The measurements are recorded into the Zoological Information Management System. They can be shared with zoos worldwide, which zoologists use to compare data on endangered species.
- What zoological director David Field says.** "This information helps us to monitor their health, their diets and their general well-being."



These pensive meerkats are certainly weighing in on London Zoo's annual animal audit. GETTY IMAGES



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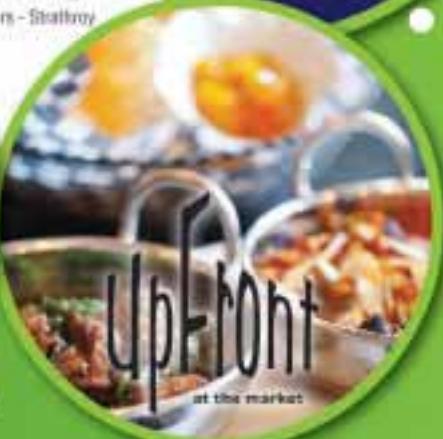
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This weekend, an eclectic mix of music and art shows will keep you entertained. It's weekends like this — when no single event stands out as the must-see — that reminds me London has something for everyone.

Friday through Sunday, Festa Italiana will take over the Covent Garden Market. This festival always draws a crowd, if not for the delicious food (and food-eating contests), then for the variety of performers.

This year is no exception, with performances by local acts Orlando Valencia and his Pachanga Latin Band, Caroline Ferraro, and Genevieve Fisher.

A new addition to the festival, the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra will perform Verdi's opera La Traviata on the steps of the market Sunday.

On Saturday, London rockabilly outfit The Allens perform at the London Music Club.

Joined by Sarah Burton, The Allens' high-energy sets, which feature twangy harmonies and driving guitar riffs, are worth checking out.

The band will be releasing its debut full-length album in the fall, featuring guest vocals on one track by Ron Sexsmith.

Saturday's show opens at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$7 at the



Festa Italiana will find a home at the Covent Garden Market this weekend, with music performances ranging from classical strings to pop to accordion serenades. **CONTRIBUTED**

door.

Also Saturday, Artfusion celebrates its 25th show on Aug. 25. The exhibit, launched by Ryan Mahy in 2009, showcases local artists who specialize in graffiti and urban art.

This month, pieces by Tony Welch, Gabe Griffiths, and Rawn Em will be on display. After Saturday's event, they will be moved to the Artfusion

gallery located in the east wing of Citi Plaza.

Artfusion starts at 7 p.m. on the Third Floor at APK Live, with DJ sets keeping the party going (and people dancing) well into the night.

Artfusion alumnus Ryan Irwin opens a show of his own this week at The ARTS Project. Irwin's pieces illustrate his skill as a graffiti artist, playing with a gothic, pop art aesthetic.

Irwin's exhibit will be on display until Friday on the lower level of the Dundas Street gallery.

Finally, the Paul McKenna Band performs Friday at the Aeolian Hall. The group has travelled from Scotland to bring the Forest City its contemporary take on folk music.

Not straying too far from

its roots, the five-piece band uses a selection of traditional instruments such as the bodhrán and tin whistles. Paired with upbeat fiddle riffs and strong vocals, the Paul McKenna Band is sure to put on a skilled performance.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Grooves Records, The Village Idiot or online at aeolianhall.ca. The concert starts 8 p.m.

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J.Lo to get Vegas show?

Jennifer Lopez may be the next music luminary to take up residence in Las Vegas with a long-running show, according to Hollyscoop.

The entertainment company Live Nation has reportedly approached Lopez about a long-term engagement, and her rep concedes it's not out of the question, telling the website, "It could very well be possible."



Lindsay Lohan

This time it's not her fault

Lindsay Lohan was reportedly questioned by police after jewelry went missing from a Hollywood Hills home where the troubled actress had spent the night, according to TMZ.

Lohan was reportedly among several guests who stayed overnight after a

small party at the home Sunday night. The next morning, the house's owner claimed expensive jewelry had been stolen and called the police. Sources say Lohan was very co-operative with police but maintained that she had nothing to do with any theft.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Prince Harry parties like a professional

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Prince Harry is learning the hard way that "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" doesn't apply to drunk, naked members of the Royal Family.

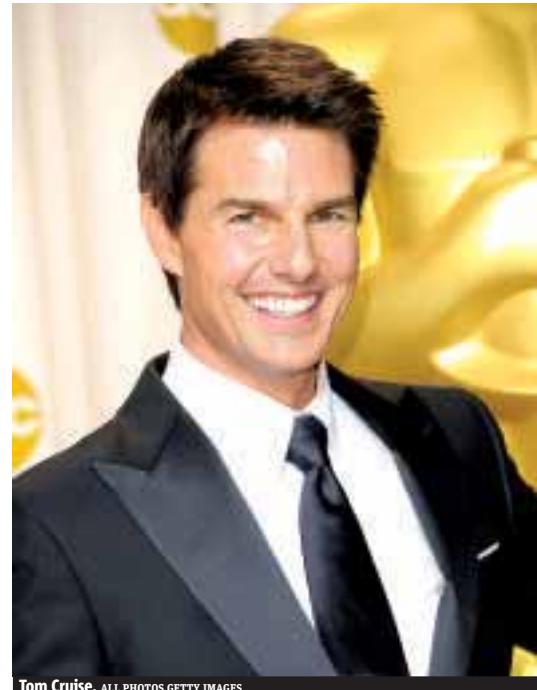
Harry, you see, had a way better weekend than the rest of us. After spending Friday afternoon poolside, Harry and friends stopped by the bar of the MGM Grand, where they met some girls — with cameraphones — who were, in fact, interested

in partying upstairs with a prince.

According to TMZ, it was a game of "strip pool" that led to the photos of Harry — completely naked except for a necklace and wonderfully awkward tan lines — hugging an equally naked girl from behind and holding his crotch. Harry stuck around Las Vegas long enough to challenge Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte to a race through a pool full of girls in bikinis (he lost, in some very vague sense of the word), but was quickly summoned back to Buckingham Palace when the photos went viral.

Now, we don't envy having to explain the rules of strip pool to Queen Elizabeth.

But all in all, we'd say his weekend was well worth the international hangover.



Tom Cruise. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

It's official

Tom Cruise's five-year marriage to Katie Holmes is officially over after a New York judge signed off on the divorce settlement earlier this week, according to E! News.

Completed in a remarkably short amount of time, the finalization comes just

a month and a half after Holmes initially filed for divorce from Cruise.

"Tom is very happy and relieved that he is moving forward," a source says.

"His priority is being a good father, and this settlement will make sure that continues."

More car trouble for Amanda Bynes

Amanda Bynes was reportedly involved in yet another car accident, but this time it looks like it wasn't her fault.

According to TMZ, Bynes' rental car was rear-ended by another driver Monday night, though the other driver reportedly claims they did not have enough time to

react and avoid a crash after Bynes made a reckless move.

"The collision was minor and information was exchanged, therefore, no police report was taken," a law enforcement official tells the website. Bynes was driving a rental car because her BMW is still being repaired from her last fender-bender.

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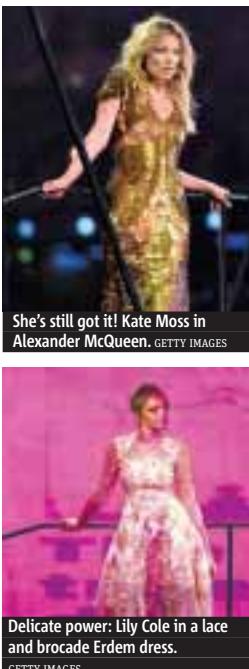
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Striding out: The best of the British fashion industry's talent at the London Olympic Closing Ceremony. GETTY IMAGES



Perfect poise: Lily Donaldson wears Vivienne Westwood. GETTY IMAGES



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Delicate power: Lily Cole in a lace and brocade Erdem dress. GETTY IMAGES

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Pizza without those delivery costs

Tomato-Salad Topped Grilled Pizza



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Melissa d'Arabian is a home economist for a new era. Actually, she's more of a chief financial officer.

That's because the Food Network host is as adept at balancing ledger sheets as she is at getting dinner on the table.

It's a handy skill that comes with being a trained financial strategist, and turned out to be an unlikely backbone for her culinary career.

Her basic message to thrifty home cooks? Stretch your food dollars by treating your kitchen in terms of profit and loss. "As the manager of a household you're actually running a fairly complicated business," she says. "There are simple lessons we can take from the business world and apply to our homes."

Forecasting

Successful businesses project what their upcoming costs and revenues will be. A "rapid review" of a month's worth of grocery receipts will give the home cook an idea of what's being spent, d'Arabian says.

Once you have that number, figure out how much you'd like to save per month then do some quick menu planning.

"Glance around and see what needs to be used up," she says. Then buy only what

you need to fill out the meals already lurking in your pantry."

Marketing

You have to promote dinner to your kids? "You don't have to, but you'll be a lot more success if you do," d'Arabian says.

In the d'Arabian household, a different child "presents" the meal each night, explaining each dish in detail — what's in it, where it's from, how it's made. "The act of presenting the food takes the mystery out of it for picky eaters," she says.

Here is d'Arabian's recipe for a pizza you make on the grill.

1. Rub a bit of olive oil onto cutting board, place pizza dough on it, turning to coat lightly on all sides with oil. Cover with a kitchen towel and let rest for 30 minutes.

2. After dough has rested, heat one side of grill to medium-high and other side to medium-low. In bowl, combine tomato, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, salt, basil and 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Toss well, then set aside.

3. Using rolling pin, roll out dough into circle about 14 inches across. Use cutting board to carry dough out to grill. Place

Ingredients

Start to finish: 45 minutes

- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for dough
- 1-lb bag pizza dough
- 1 large very ripe tomato, cored and chopped
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 6 fresh basil leaves, torn
- 4 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced and quartered
- 2 cups arugula or other baby greens

Cookbook of the Week

Kitchen dollars and sense



Melissa d'Arabian, host of Food Network's Ten Dollar Dinners, makes good on the \$10 promise of dinner for four in her debut cookbook.

Ten Dollar Dinners has 140 recipes, more than 100 practical money-saving tips and ways to get ingredients to last longer.

Her Potato-Bacon Torte shows how inexpensive supermarket ingredients can be turned into a satisfying dish. Her Roasted Vegetable Tian is a great way to take advantage of deals in the produce aisle. The Four-Step Chicken Piccata offers a plan for getting food on the table in just minutes, using almost anything in the pantry. METRO

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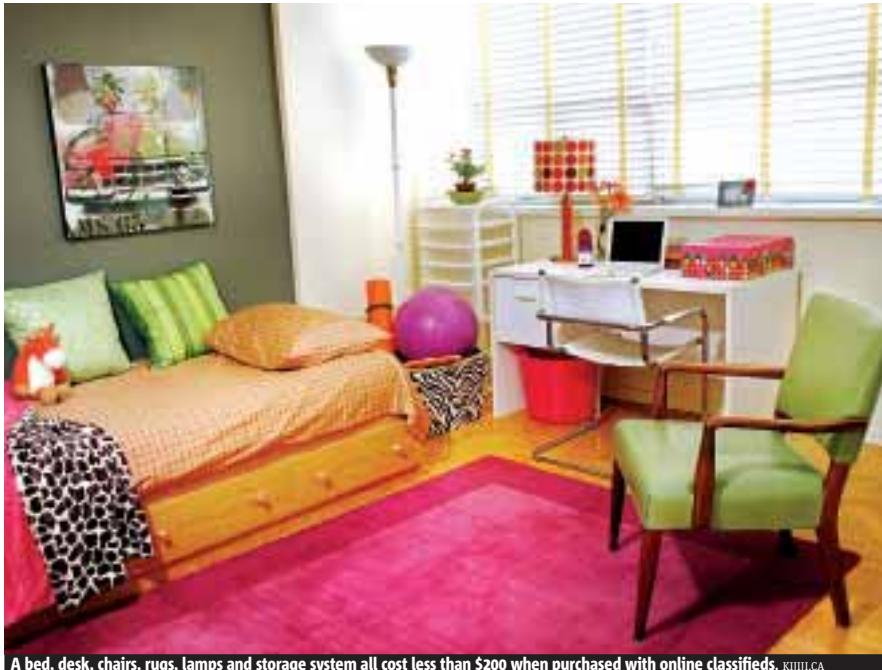
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Toxic flame retardants

Dusting can tackle harmful household releases

How can I avoid toxic flame retardants in my home? – Karen of Ottawa



If you don't plan to get rid of your TV and furniture, the sim-

ple answer is to dust.

Studies have shown that consumer products, not industrial releases, are the likely source of flame retardants or, PBDEs (polybrominated diphenyl ethers) building up in people and animals.

These toxic chemicals — found in furniture, carpets and electronics — have been linked to cancer, adverse effects on the developing brain, and immune and reproductive problems. They are also persistent and bioaccumulative, which means they build up in the environment and our bodies (and in the bodies of animals like polar bears and killer whales).

That's right, your TV, curtains and couch shed PBDEs. Then these chemicals contaminate household dust, posing a substantial health risk to people. In fact, household dust is now recognized as one of the most significant sources of childhood exposure to toxic substances.

Studies show that dust is really a chemical soup with low levels of flame retardants, phthalates, metals like lead, mercury and arsenic, and pesticides. Sure, some of these chemicals are tracked in from outside, but most originate from the wear-and-tear of consumer products. You'll also

find higher levels in dryer lint and in the vacuum cleaner bag.

As well as dusting more often — I suggest using a 50:50 mix of vinegar and olive oil to polish and clean — leave your shoes at the door. Shoes track contaminated dirt into your home, with everything from pesticides to lead.

The Door Mat Study suggests wiping shoes on a mat and taking them off at the door. And leave your runners, soccer cleats and bike shoes at the door instead of storing them in a bedroom closet. It's a simple step that can reduce lead dust in your home by 60 per cent.

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Design centre.

Heading back to college? Find new and gently used items online to fit your student budget



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Finding the perfect space to call home is one of the many stresses of heading back to college.

Thankfully, there are more resources than ever to help you find great deals and build a place to make your own.

Using online classifieds like kijiji.ca makes it easy to find new and gently used items to make the space feel like home.

By applying common sense and some simple design tricks you can create a

unique space on a student budget:

Find the perfect piece

Unique finds start with unique keywords so searching online classifieds using words like "vintage" almost always does the trick. Furniture from the '50s to the '70s is on trend right now and vintage pieces like tables and chairs are stylish and surprisingly affordable.

Think outside the box with art as well; do something different like hanging a small, patterned rug on your wall (it also acts as a sound barrier).

Practice smart space-saving

Organization is the key to making a small space look amazing.

When searching for shelves and other storage items, don't forget to think vertical. A tall bookcase or some strategically placed hooks make it easy to clear the clutter from your floors.

And, get creative with storage solutions. For example, repurpose old family heirlooms like a great big steamer trunk or vintage luggage.

Customize with colour and shape

Show off your personality with unique décor items in bold colours and shapes.

Tangerines and oranges are everywhere right now. To offset the colourful furniture, stay consistent with your basic colours and keep your walls monochromatic.

Don't forget that if you love the shape of a piece of furniture, you can always change the colour with an inexpensive coat of paint.

Updating is uber-easy

Small changes can have a big impact, especially if you're moving into an old space. Look to add a new pop of colour by simply swapping out accent pillows and small décor items each year.



You can reduce lead dust in your home by 60 per cent by leaving those dirty shoes at the door. ISTOCK IMAGES

Still in search of the perfect bed?

You did a segment on the components of a perfect bed, but I can't find the article. Could you please tell me what the components are, and recommend a good bedding store that has all of it and a wide enough selection, so that men don't feel or think that "feminine patterns" are only available? Thanks, Terry.



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Hello Terry,
First, let's start with a won-

derful luxurious bed making "recipe". As a Butler this is what we would use for all of our special guests at the house.

Once you try this, you will wonder how you ever slept without it. As a man, you may wish to consider going with all-white sheets or a masculine colour that matches your bedroom. White sheets are easier to wash and remove stains, and patterned and colour sheets will fade over time.

Pillows (as per the size of bed and how many you like)

Top Sheet: (Second flat sheet that is used to cover the blanket)

Blanket: (Wool or other)

Flat Sheet: (This is the 1st flat sheet)

Fitted Sheet

Feather Bed: (My all time favourite) or a Wool Rest Mattress pad protector

Mattress: (regular)

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In addition, a good feather down, with a duvet cover made of the same sheet fabric is ideal.

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Negotiations go dark on a sunny day in Toronto

NHL. Labour talks put on hold as league, players decide 'how to move the process forward in the best way possible'

NHL collective bargaining talks were cancelled Wednesday after top executives from the league and players' union held an impromptu morning meeting to discuss the status of the negotiations.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly spent about two hours with players' association executive director Donald Fehr and his brother Steve Fehr, the union's No. 2 man.

"I think more than anything else it was to review where we are in the process, where we've come from, where we are with the various proposals and to determine how to move the process forward in the best way possible — hoping and understanding that both sides are committed to using the time left to making a deal as quickly as possible," Daly told The Canadian Press in an interview.

The clock is ticking. The current collective agreement is set to expire Sept. 15 when



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, left, and deputy commissioner Bill Daly leave NHLPA offices on Wednesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the NHL says it will lock out the players if a new deal hasn't been reached.

Formal talks between the two sides were slated to resume at 1 p.m. Wednesday but were instead postponed until Thursday morning.

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr said he didn't

"know what's going to happen for sure (on Thursday)."

"You get up in the morning and you try and work that day to see if you can make progress," he added. "If you don't find an agreement that way you do it again the next day and you keep doing it until you find a way."

There is a significant gap between the two sides' proposals.

The union put forth an offer last week that includes a smaller percentage of revenues for players over the next three seasons in exchange for an expanded revenue sharing program to help struggling teams. The NHLPA estimated that play-

Further issues

Beyond the monetary issue at the heart of talks, each side has prioritized a secondary cause.

- The NHLPA has made it clear that it would like to see an increase in revenue sharing and proposed the creation of an industry growth fund that would see \$100 million contributed each year for struggling teams.
- The NHL is largely happy with the current economic system, but has made no secret of the fact it would like to see the end to heavily front-loaded, long-term contracts.

ers would be giving up \$465 million US in salaries if the league continued on its pace of seven per cent growth each season.

The league's proposal called for a 24 per cent decrease in player salaries — accomplished by lowering the union's share of revenue — while introducing new contract restrictions, including a five-year cap on contracts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No holding back from Hall on 7-year pact



Taylor Hall is one of Edmonton's top offensive weapons but has had trouble staying healthy, missing 38 games in his first two NHL seasons.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Taylor Hall is in for the long haul in Edmonton.

The Oilers signed the young forward to a \$42-million US, seven-year contract extension Wednesday and the Calgary native said he had no hesitation about the length of the deal.

"When they said seven years I didn't blink," the 20-year-old Hall said. "I'm comfortable being here for that long. I think by that time ... I hope we're a perennial threat. That's my main goal and my mindset when I signed the deal."

Hall was the Oilers' first overall pick in 2010 and has

By the numbers

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Taylor Hall finished second in Oiler scoring last season with 27 goals and 53 points in 61 games. Jordan Eberle led the team with 34 goals and 76 points in 78 games.

since become a key fixture on the team's youthful top line alongside fellow first overall pick Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Jordan Eberle.

The deal makes Hall the highest paid player on the Oilers in average salary at \$6 million per year. Veteran centre Shawn Horcoff, who signed

a hefty six-year, \$33-million deal in 2009-10, will make \$6 million next season but averages a lower cap hit at \$5.5 million.

Eberle is also in negotiations for a contract extension and likely looking for similar money to Hall. Eberle made his rookie debut the same year as Hall and is coming off a breakout season.

"We've had some good dialogues throughout this whole thing and I think his should be pretty soon," Hall said of his linemate. "He's along the same path, he wants to be here and so do I."

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Mobile sports



Rory McIlroy says he reveres and respects Tiger Woods' amazing list of accomplishments. But the PGA champion would still "love Tiger to go out first and kick his (behind)" when they pair up at The Barclays this week to kick off the PGA Tour playoffs. Scan the code for the story.

MLB

A's Colon latest to be banned for testosterone

Former Cy Young Award winner Bartolo Colon of the Oakland Athletics was suspended for 50 games Wednesday after testing positive for testosterone.

Major League Baseball



Bartolo Colon
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made the announcement one week after all-star game MVP Melky Cabrera of the San Francisco Giants was suspended 50 games for a positive test for the same substance.

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NFL



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Transaction complete

BCE, Rogers are now officially new owners of MLSE

The sale of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment and its sports television channels to two of Canada's biggest media companies, BCE and Rogers Communications is final.

The closure of the \$1.07-billion

deal Wednesday comes after the sale received the final regulatory green light last week from the CRTC.

Competitors Rogers and Bell will jointly own a 75 per cent stake in MLSE, which owns the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Toronto Raptors and Toronto FC. It also owns Leafs TV, Gol TV and NBA TV Canada, as well as two services that have not yet launched. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Horoscopes**Aries****March 21 - April 20**

You seem so relaxed at the moment that others may think you no longer care, but that isn't true. Find ways to let loved ones know you are still there for them, even when your head is miles away.

Taurus**April 21 - May 21**

As Mars moves into the partnership area of your chart a lot of excitement will be generated in one-to-one situations. It will amuse (and delight) you when you realize so many people want to get close to you.

Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

You may find yourself at odds with people you work with today. No matter how much pressure they put on you to back down, you must not give in. You are right and they are wrong. It's just that simple.

Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

Don't wait for other people to make the first move. Make it yourself and leave those you live, work and do business with in no doubt that you've got your act together. It's time to get serious about your ambitions.

Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

As Mars moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart today, you will be forced to confront people who have been giving you a hard time. Be direct, but listen to their side of the story as well.

Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

After a long period of being held back, you are at last free to pursue what interests you — regardless of what others might think or how much it might cost. Go a little crazy today. You owe it to yourself.

Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Don't waste your time on trivial issues. Now that energy planet Mars is leaving your sign, you have to get serious about how to make best use of your resources. They're not unlimited, you know.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Over the next few days, you will find that many more things go well for you, including those things you thought you would never master. Mars in your sign gives you the kick you need to be more active and ambitious.

Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

You won't be quite so relaxed and easygoing today and tomorrow. Mars in the most sensitive area of your chart means you'll tend to see the negative more than the positive. Maybe, in the short-term, that's no bad thing.

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

What you do for others today will come back to you in some form in the very near future. Go out of your way to help people in need, and your own needs will be taken care of too.

Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Mars crosses the career angle of your chart today, firing the ambitious side of your nature. Whatever it is you decide to do, it must be huge. Don't limit yourself to petty triumphs — go for the big one.

Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

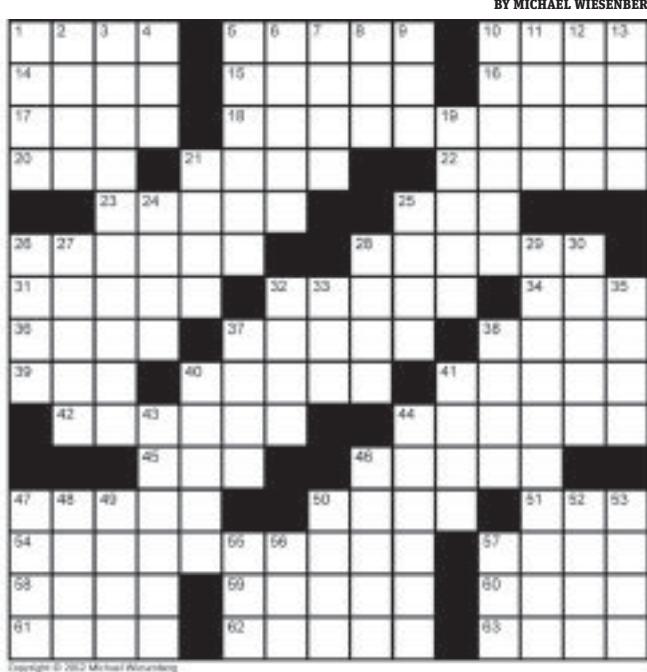
If you are planning a trip of some kind, you could hardly pick a better time because with Mars on your side you will head straight for your destination and won't allow anything to get in your way. Drive safely. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canadiana**Across**

57. Opera set on the Nile
58. Neural transmitter
59. Actress Zellweger
60. Clairvoyant one
61. Circle
62. Ebenezer Scrooge, for one
63. "Hey, buddy"

Down

1. La____: El Niño counterpart, an ocean phenomenon that affects weather
2. List part
3. Maritime Province (2 wds.)
4. WSW opposite
5. Saskatchewan capital
6. ____ living: work for wages (2 wds.)
7. *Enterprise* journey
8. Chicken ____ king (2 wds.)
9. Canada's national levy, for short
10. Former Soviet leader Joseph
11. Arouse from sleep
12. "Happy birthday" writer, perhaps
13. A majority
14. Cornea-reshaping surgery
21. Have faith in, with "on"
24. Tiny amount
25. Bamboozles
26. One with a computer
27. "____ a long shot!": "No way!" (2 wds.)
28. Affectionate taps
29. They form the Alberta-BC border (2 wds.)
30. Central and southern



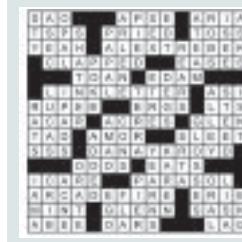
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African people

32. Bird food
33. Scotsman's cap
35. Molson's, say
37. Ooze
38. Mongolian desert
40. Schussed
41. Become dim
43. Edmonton-born pop and country singer-songwriter and occasional actress who renders her

name in lowercase letters (2-3? — wds.)

53. Fruit pastry
55. Elbow's locale
56. Maritime Prov.
57. African cobra

Yesterday's Crossword**What's online**

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	8	9	1	4	2	3	5	7
5	3	2	7	6	8	9	1	4
7	4	1	5	3	9	2	6	8
3	9	4	6	8	5	1	7	2
2	6	7	8	1	3	4	8	6
8	1	6	4	2	7	5	9	3
4	8	6	2	9	1	7	3	5
7	3	8	9	5	4	6	2	1
1	2	5	3	7	6	8	4	9

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